

Web Standards for the IoT

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Problem: Application/Platform Silos











Internet of Things: Connectivity



W3C WoT Mission

Not to be yet another standard

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.



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SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

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Not to be yet another standard



Extend Web technologies to the IoT to complement IoT standards by being *descriptive* instead of prescriptive



















SONY

W3C WoT Scope



Panasonic

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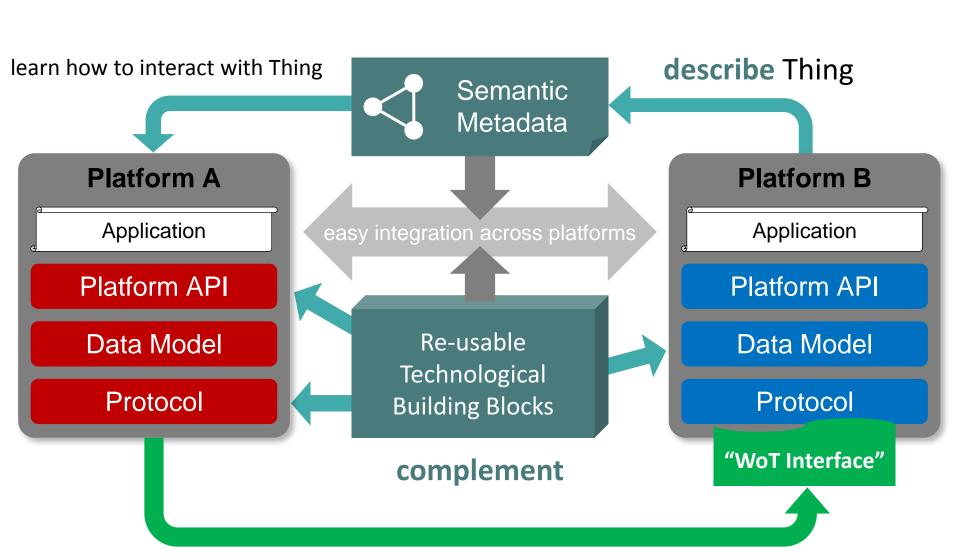








W3C WoT Approach



Describe: Machine-understandable Model





Start with versatile core and evolve like the Web

- Linked Data vocabularies
 - Simple interaction model
 - Generic data model (JSON-like)
 - Semantic Web ontology
- Extension points
 - Domain-specific vocabularies
 - New interaction patterns
- Multiple serializations
 - JSON-LD (first CR release)
 - JSON, CBOR, EXI, ...

*CR: W3C Candidate Recommendation



JSON-LD Serialization

W3C WoT TD vocabulary

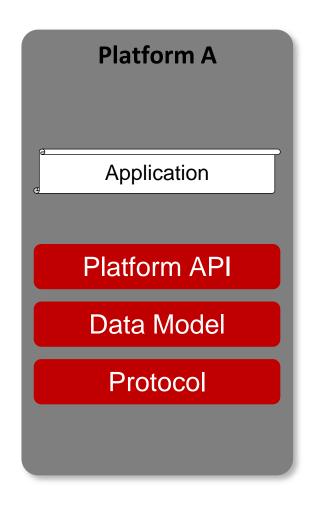
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                                          JSON Schema
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                                         base types plus
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Complement: Building Blocks

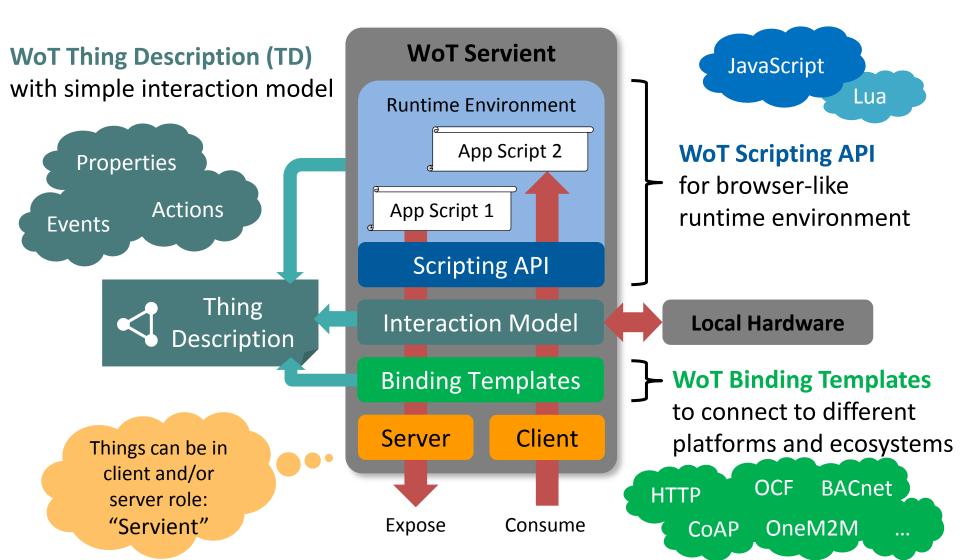
- WoT Thing Description (TD)
 - Machine-understandable format
 - Uniform documentation
- WoT Binding Templates
 - Descriptions for specific protocols and platforms
 - Used in Thing Description
 - Re-usable binding "drivers"
- WoT Scripting API
 - Browser-like runtime for platform-independent IoT applications

Re-usable Technological Building Blocks

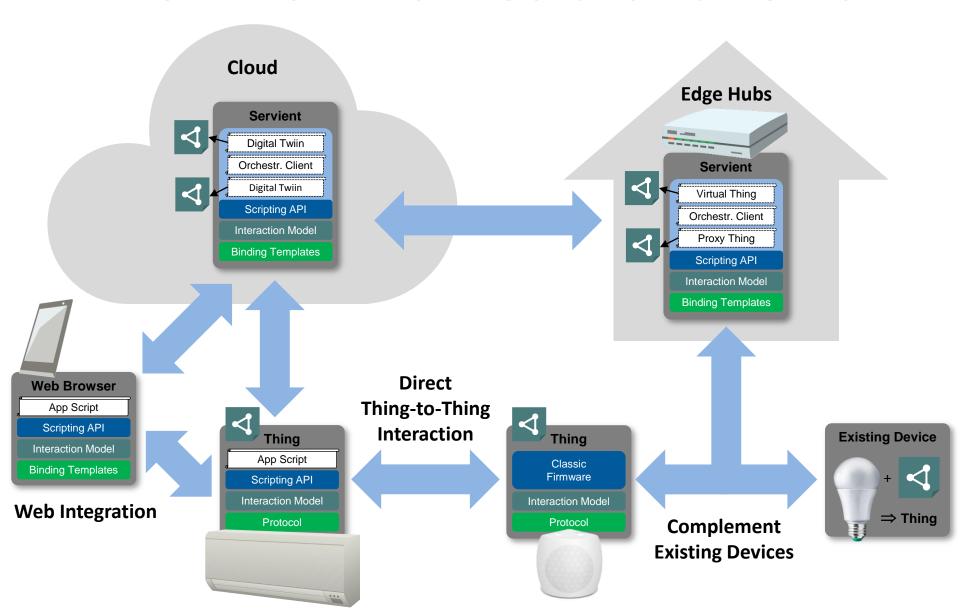
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W3C WoT Architecture Patterns



W3C WoT Process

Interest Group (IG)

https://www.w3.org/2016/07/wot-ig-charter.html

- Started spring 2015
- 220 participants
- Informal work, outreach
- Explorative work, validation
- PlugFests with running code
- Liaisons and collaborations with other organizations and SDOs (+ "OpenDays")

Working Group (WG)

https://www.w3.org/2016/12/wot-wg-2016.html

- Started December 2016
- 92 participants
- Normative standardization
- Work on deliverables
- W3C Patent Policy for royalty-free standards
- Member organizations and Invited Experts

W3C WoT Process



- IG: https://github.com/w3c/wot/
- WG:
 - https://github.com/w3c/wot-architecture
 - https://github.com/w3c/wot-thing-description
 - https://github.com/w3c/wot-scripting-api/
 - https://github.com/w3c/wot-binding-templates
- Open Issues to comment, Pull Requests to contribute

W3C WoT Progress

- 2014: Stakeholders identified at W3C Workshop
- 2015: IG started to identify initial building blocks
 - Current Practices documented
 (http://w3c.github.io/wot/current-practices/wot-practices.html)
 - Practical evaluation in "PlugFests"
- 2016/17: WG chartered until end of 2018
 - Editor's Drafts available
 - First Public Working Drafts expected August 2017
 - Candidate Recommendations end of 2018...
- 2019: WG re-chartering for next building blocks
 - IG is continuously exploring and identifying

Opportunities for Reuse/Integration

- Royalty-free Web standards
- Technological building blocks
 - Non-prescriptive: take what you need
 - Open source reference implementation https://github.com/thingweb/node-wot
- Extension points
 - Semantic vocabulary → iot.schema.org, oneM2M, ...
 - Binding Templates → Web, CoRE, OCF, oneM2M, ...
 - Libraries on top of Scripting API → individual Members

Opportunities for Collaboration

- 1. OpenDay at W3C WoT Face-to-Face
 - Proposed and invited talks for awareness
- 2. W3C WoT Call invites
 - Opportunity for more detailed discussions
- 3. Liaisons as formal collaboration
 - Chance for mutual alignment
 - Liaison inputs taken into account for WoT design
- 4. W3C WoT Group Member
 - Organization needs to be W3C Member
 - Invited Expert status
 - Note W3C Patent Policy for WG contributions (https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Patent-Policy-20040205/)

Opportunities for Research

- Machine-understandable interaction models
 - − Hypermedia controls → IRTF T2TRG
 - Programming abstractions for orchestration
 - Recovery from errors
- Semantic Web beyond knowledge management
 - Dynamic graphs
 - Privacy preservation
 - Reasoning in constrained environments
- Security in loosely-coupled systems
 - Object signing and encryption

W3C WoT Online Resources

- W3C WoT Wiki (IG+WG organizational information)
 - https://www.w3.org/WoT/IG/wiki/Main Page
- W3C WoT Interest Group
 - https://www.w3.org/2016/07/wot-ig-charter.html (charter)
 - https://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/public-wot-ig/ (subscribe to mailing list)
 - https://github.com/w3c/wot (technical proposals)
- W3C WoT Working Group
 - https://www.w3.org/2016/12/wot-wg-2016.html (charter)
 - https://www.w3.org/WoT/WG/ (dashboard)
- W3C WoT Editor's Drafts
 - https://w3c.github.io/wot-architecture/
 - https://w3c.github.io/wot-thing-description/
 - https://w3c.github.io/wot-scripting-api/
 - https://w3c.github.io/wot-binding-templates/